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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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February 16, 2005

Ms. Joyce L. Munie, P.E.
Manager Permits Section
Bureau of Land
Division of Land Pollution Control
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
1021 North Grand Avenue east
Springfield, IL 62794-9276

RE: Clean Harbors Services, Inc
U. S. EPA ID# 000608471
Latitude: 41.691667
Longitude: -87.574289

Dear Ms. Munie:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) conducted an environmental justice demographic analysis for the area surrounding the Clean Harbors Services, Inc. (CHSI) facility. A copy of the analysis is enclosed. U.S. EPA has determined that the area around Clean Harbors Services, Inc. qualifies as a potential environmental justice area.

As described in the enclosed analysis, this determination was reached by evaluating the proportion of low income and minority populations in the area near the facility and taking into account the environmental justice concerns raised by the community. The proportion of population classified by the 2000 Census as minority in a vicinity of the CHSI facility for the 1-mile, 2-mile, and 4-mile radius area where the site is located is greater than two times the state's minority percentage. In addition, the proportion of population classified by the 2000 Census as minority in a vicinity of the CHSI facility for the 1-mile radius area where the site is located is greater than two times the state's low-income percentage.

To determine the total population within a given radius around a facility, we sum the total populations of all census blocks contained completely within the radius with portions of the total populations of the census blocks that overlap the radius. These portions are determined by assuming the population is evenly distributed across the census block and we take the percentage of the population relative to the area inside the radius compared to the whole area of the census

block. The same procedure is used to determine total minority and total low-income populations within a given radius around a facility.

In conducting this evaluation, U.S. EPA relied on its June 1998 *Revised Region 5 Interim Guidelines for Identifying and Addressing a Potential Environmental Justice Case*. U.S. EPA encourages, but does not require, states to implement the guidelines. In addition, states that receive financial assistance from U.S. EPA agree to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 40.

We recognize that Illinois EPA has encouraged public participation beginning early in the CHSI permitting decision process.

We recommend that you continue to enhance your public outreach to this community and would be happy to provide assistance with this effort. If you have any questions regarding this analysis, please contact me at 312-886-3583.

Sincerely,



Christopher Lambesis
Technical Support and Permitting Section
Waste Management Branch

Enclosure

cc: Harriet Croke
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